

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present Amendment B, claims 18-48 were pending in the present application. Claims 30 and 46 are cancelled above. Claims 18 and 33 are amended above. New claims 48-53 are added above. No new matter is added by the claim amendments or new claims. Entry is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Office Action indicates at paragraph 8, that claim 32 is allowed and that claims 19, 20, 25, 30, 36, 37, 42 and 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 18 is amended to include the limitations of former dependent claim 30, now canceled. Independent claim 33 is amended to include the limitations of former dependent claim 46, now canceled. New independent claim 48 includes the limitations of former independent claim 18 and dependent claim 19 and new dependent claim 49 includes the limitations of former dependent claim 20. New independent claim 50 includes the limitations of former independent claim 18 and dependent claim 25. New independent claim 51 includes the limitations of former independent claim 33 and dependent claim 36 and new dependent claim 52 includes the limitations of former dependent claim 37. New independent claim 53 includes the limitations of former independent claim 33 and dependent claim 42. Entry and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.


Claims 18, 22, 23, 27-29, 31, 33, 34, 39, 40, 44, 45, 47 are rejected as being anticipated by Daniels (U.S. Patent No. 4,705,218). Claims 21 and 38 are rejected as being unpatentable over Daniels in view of Poindexter, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,116,766). Claims 24 and 21 are rejected as being unpatentable over Daniels in view of Smith (U.S. Patent No. 5,177,901). Claims 26, 35 and 43 are rejected as being unpatentable over Daniels. It is believed that these rejections no longer apply in view of the above amendments. Removal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

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